

Minutes of the Public Works Committee - January 12, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chair Manke who led the committee with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Chair Richard Manke, County Board Supervisors James Behrend (arrived at 8:33 a.m.), Peter Gundrum (arrived at 8:36 a.m.), James Jeskewitz, Karl Nilson, Rodell Singert, and David Swan (left at 10:45 a.m.)

Staff Present: County Board Chief of Staff Lee Esler, Legis.Associate Sandra Meisenheimer

Also Present: Enterprise Operations Mgr. Peter Pulos, Building Operations Supervisor Scott Miller, Airport Mgr. Keith Markano, Airport Commission Member Michael Crowley, Airport Operations Asst. Michael Neau, Public Works Director Rich Bolte, Engineering Services Mgr. Gary Evans, Senior Civil Engineer Karen Braun, Business Mgr. Betsy Crosswaite, Transit Director Bob Johnson and Andrew Johnson, Director of Planning & Administration of Waukesha Metro Transit, and Tom Dieckelman of Wisconsin Coach Lines

Meeting Approvals

Motion: Behrend moved, second by Jeskewitz, to approve committee attendance to the upcoming Winter Highway Conference on January 23-25, 2006. **Motion carried 7 – 0.**

Correspondence

1. Singert said he is bringing this up so it doesn't go unnoticed. There was a press conference in December at the Waukesha County Airport by Representative Stone and Senator Plale concerning their initiative to suggest to the State legislature the creation of an airport authority in southeastern Wisconsin.
2. Esler said the yellow mold house on Northview Road has been removed. Also, the jail does have prisoners in it. Females were moved toward the end of 2005 and males started in 2006. The intake sallyport and lobby have not been opened yet. They are in the process of moving into the building and making it functional. The Judiciary Committee will have a jail update at their meeting tomorrow.
3. News release from Waukesha Metro Transit announcing changes to Route 218 in New Berlin and Route 311 in Pewaukee effective 1/9/06.

Approve Minutes of December 20, 2005

Motion: Singert moved, second by Behrend, to approve the minutes of 12/20/05. **Motion carried 7 – 0.**

Report from Executive Committee Member for Meeting

Manke said that there would be a meeting on January 16, 2006.

Discuss and Consider Bids for Replacing Exterior Doors/Frames at the Forum Building – Waukesha County Exposition Center

Pulos and Miller discussed the bids for replacing the doors/frames at the Forum Building. There are 26 doors being replaced.

Motion: Swan moved, second by Singert, to approve the Base Bid from Ray Stadler Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$45,540. **Motion carried 7 – 0.**

Discuss Airport Development and Needs Issues

Markano and Crowley discussed the issues. Crowley who is a member of the Airport Commission gave some background information on himself. Markano said regarding the vehicle maintenance building, it looks like they'll be moving some projects forward to deal with that building, which was built in 1967 and has several code issues (exhaust for vehicles, fuel issues, inadequate space). Leslie Williams is having the Fire Department look at the building.

Markano displayed the approved Airport Layout Drawing which he reviewed in detail. He showed the future snow removal storage building, discussed land acquisition, pointed out future cargo and general aviation use, hangar areas now, and hangar areas to be developed.

Singert said the important thing he sees here are the land and the ownership of the land so the airport can take the benefit of the land for all the things that the future may bring. We should be looking at establishing a checkbook so someday when the 95/5 funding is available for a project like this we can act quickly and purchase the land.

Swan asked besides that building do you ever see any need because of safety distance to have that land of about 20 acres? Markano pointed out the area that is all developed and the area that is set aside for commercial development. He said once it is filled up there is no land for future revenue.

Markano said they presented information on EMAS to the FAA in February. Since that time the FAA has twice made changes to the airport design advisory circular dealing with declared distances so airports can deal with it a little more economically. Declared distances take the responsibility basically off the airport for the liability and put it on the pilot. Then the airport doesn't have to deal with EMAS.

Esler asked how many square feet does the maintenance building have? Markano said 6,500 sq.ft. Esler asked what are the standards you were talking about? Markano said they are from advisory circular 522018 as criteria for aircraft snow removal storage buildings and has all the formulas needed to figure it out. Esler said, "You mentioned the southeast hangar development area." How is the hangar development going and what's the occupancy of the rented T-hangars? Markano said he believes there are 4-5 units available. There is 1 lot available in the southeast hangar area and 1 lot in the southwest hangar area. Esler asked how many lots were leased and built on last year? Markano said 10 were leased and 6 built on or under construction.

Gundrum asked have you looked at getting tax levy free at the airport? Markano said it is tough for a General Aviation airport to get to that point.

Manke said you sent a letter saying you were exploring the airport entrance sign. Markano said there is a county government center sign but it is so small you don't even see it. They have received telephone calls requesting better signage but the county has a standardized signage policy. Manke said I think the committee agrees that the sign should be changed. Manke suggested getting a design and going from there. Singert agreed that there should be a better entrance sign to the airport.

Singert said he is concerned about the manmade environmental area adjacent to the tower. It is such a valuable piece of land and wouldn't necessarily infringe upon what is designated as wetlands in

that area. It should be removed from the environmental protection area and be allowed as an area for another hangar.

Esler asked have you thought about the regional take over of the Waukesha airport? Markano said he really hasn't thought about it but it really depends on the legislation and how it is worded to create a regional authority. Esler said the County Board office has not been able to find anything creating this authority although the press release announced it. He hasn't seen a bill. Crowley said a regional airport authority has not been discussed at the commission level. Manke said it wouldn't be a bad idea to talk to the County Executive about this.

Crowley said what is important is the investment in the airport, and we all realize for the most part that the airport does bring significant economic development opportunities to the county. We need to continue to look at not just the growth of the airport, as far as extending runways, etc., but to keep our existing base of operators there and the continued use of the airport. This is a prime piece of property highly regarded in the aviation industry as a top quality airport, and there really is very little reliance on the taxpayer base which is just over \$200,000. It does continue to be their mission to reduce the tax levy. In closing, Crowley said that he and commission member Tom Schober have spoken with the county executive.

Correspondence

Nilson (member of Wisconsin River Rail Transit Commission) said at the last meeting they reviewed whether commission members attending other commission meetings should be reimbursed by the county or the commission. Nilson said he has also asked to be removed from the Coordinating Committee because he is on the road a lot of the time. Also, regarding the county assessment, it looks like it is going to be \$26,000 and \$3,000 is owed (\$30,000 was budgeted).

Consider Proposed Ordinance: 160-O-103 Transfer Ownership of Detention Pond, County Trunk Highway L, Waukesha County Project, Project I.D. 00-380(11), City of Muskego, Waukesha County

Motion: Singert moved, second by Swan, to approve Ordinance 160-O-103. Evans and Braun explained the ordinance, which will transfer ownership and maintenance of the detention pond and parcel of land to the City of Muskego. Braun distributed colored maps of the area. **Motion carried 7 – 0.**

Discuss Mass Transit Contract and Budget Shortfalls

A packet of correspondence was previously distributed which consisted of: 1) Public Works Department's request to transfer \$125,000 from Highway Operations to Transit Services, 2) Letter from Terrill Janssen of Waukesha County Chamber of Commerce to City of Waukesha Mayor Lombardi making recommendations for an efficient and effective final mass transit package. 3) Letter from Director Bolte to Bob Johnson of Waukesha Metro Transit advising of the process to follow in the future to review and adopt changes in transit service, 4) Letter from Andrew Johnson of Waukesha Metro Transit with a copy of the presentation that was shown to the City of Waukesha Common Council on 12/6/05, and 5) Letter from Director Bolte to Bob Johnson of Waukesha Metro Transit asking for a plan to eliminate the shortfall of approximately \$89,000.

Bolte, Crosswaite, Bob Johnson and Andrew Johnson were present. B.Johnson explained Route 10, which is an extension of an existing route in Milwaukee County. The route starts in Glendale at

Bayshore Mall, eventually travels west on Wisconsin Ave. through downtown Milwaukee to the Medical Complex, then to Bluemound Road and on to Brookfield Square. The area between 124th Street and Brookfield Square is the area that Waukesha County pays for and has a contract with Milwaukee County for. It is the best performing route in terms of riders as well as rides per revenue hour. B.Johnson said he needs approval from the committee so the contract can be continued.

Motion: Behrend moved, second by Swan, to approve the contract with Milwaukee County for the Bluemound Road extension (Route 10). **Motion carried 7 – 0.**

Bolte said at the one of the February committee meetings, he would be making recommendations regarding route reductions. The committee discussed at length the option of having one or two meetings on transit issues, which could involve a public hearing, as well as hearing comments from the public.

Swan left the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Tom Dieckelman of Wisconsin Coach Lines stated that sufficient notice should be given to the public(7 days rather than 2 days). Manke said communication is the key, and we can always improve on that. Esler stated it's important to know that there are two different levels of service provided by the transit program -- riders of choice versus riders of need. These were both addressed in the transit system planning, and it's important for the committee to understand the distinction.

Discuss Prospects and Developments on the West Waukesha Highway Corridor

Copies were distributed of the resolutions approved by Waukesha County, Town of Waukesha and City of Waukesha regarding support of the transfer of CTH TT and Meadowbrook Road to Wisconsin Department of Transportation jurisdiction. Bolte said the pieces are in place to move forward. His suggestion is to address this issue with the state legislative delegation. Bring in the delegation and ask, "How can you help us?" Manke asked Bolte if he could go to the County Executive and ask him. Manke said we need him to help with this too. Singert indicated that we should go through the Executive Committee. Bolte said he would send a memo to the County Executive and then talk to him about it. Manke said he would follow up with the Executive Committee.

Motion to adjourn: Gundrum moved, second by Behrend, to adjourn the meeting at 11:08 a.m.
Motion carried 6 - 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Rodell L. Singert
Secretary

/sm